THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) Alliance Air is the brand name of the airline operated by Airline Allied Services Limited (AASL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Indian Airlines Limited, which was set up in 1983. Alliance Air commenced airline operation with effect from 15th April, 1996 with the following objectives :

(i) Increased utilisation of Boeing aircraft.

(ii) Increased utilisation of Co-pilots in the Short Haul Operations Department (SHOD) as well as Indian Airlines.

(iii) Swifter progression of Co-pilots to Commanders in Indian Airlines, which will ultimately have a fleet of only A-320 and A-300 aircraft.

(d) The performance of Alliance Air is better as compared to other domestic Airlines during the last one year. Comparative figures are as under:—

	Alliance Air	Sahara Airlines	Archana Airways
Total flying hours	16797	8977.78	2599.23
Seat Factor(%)	72	45.15	59.78
Number of passengers (000s)	1075.00	357.76	15.11

(c) Alliance Air has, at present, no plans of expansion.

(d) and (f) No, Sir. The Managing Director had merely emphasised the need for early replacement of the existing fleet with aircraft having the latest technology.

(e) The Board of Directors generally constitutes a Committee to study and examine proposals for acquisition of aircraft. The matter is then considered by the Board of Directors after submission of the report by the Committee. The proposal is hereafter submitted to the Government for approval.

Airborne collision avoidance systems

2182. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lahoti Commission set up to enquire the reasons for mid-air collision at Charkhi Dadri last year has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof and what steps have been taken by Government on this report to avoid recurrence of similar accidents in future;

(c) whether in a conference of senior Chief Manager of all Indian and Foreign Airlines held in recent past, all Airlines operating in Indian sky were directed to urgently arrange Airborne collision avoidance system, if so, what is the progres achieved in this regard; and

(d) what action is contemplated against the defaulting airlines and whether any deadline has been given to those airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM) (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Report of the Court of Inquiry is under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) Directorate General of Civil Aviation has issued instructions wherey Airborne Collision Avioidance System is to be installed on all aircraft with seating capacity of more than 30 or pay load capacity of more than 3 tons by 31-12-1998 and those with seating capacity between 10 to 30 or payload capacity of 1 to 3 tons, by 31.12. 2003.